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Take the moments of momenta about  $P$ ;  $\therefore ua\sqrt{2}-va+k^2w=0$ .

Substitute the values of  $u$  and  $k^2$  in this equation,  $\therefore aw = \frac{3}{8}v$ ,  $\therefore v = \frac{8}{3}a\sqrt{2}$ .

The impulse  $f$  which must be combined with the initial momentum  $v$  in order that the cube may have the resultant momentum  $u$  is

$$f^2 = v^2 + u^2 - 2vu \cos \frac{1}{4}\pi = (1 + \frac{1}{6}\frac{8}{4} - \frac{6}{8})v^2; \therefore f = v\frac{1}{8}\sqrt{34}.$$

To find the inclination  $\alpha$ , we have  $u^2 = v^2 + f^2 - 2vf \cos \alpha$ ;

$$\therefore \cos \alpha = 5 \div \sqrt{34},$$

which is *constant*.

That this is the correct result may be seen by showing that  $f$  applied at  $P$  in the direction  $\alpha$  will cause the angular velocity  $w$  found above. For take moments about  $C$ ;  $k^2w = fa\sqrt{2} \cdot \sin(\frac{1}{4}\pi - \alpha) = fa(\cos \alpha - \sin \alpha)$ ;

$$\therefore \frac{2}{3}aw = \frac{\sqrt{34}}{8}v \left( \frac{5-3}{\sqrt{34}} \right) = \frac{v}{4}; \therefore aw = \frac{3}{8}v,$$

which is the result previously obtained.

The initial velocity of the cube will be just sufficient to overturn it when the energy of translation and rotation are sufficient to raise the center  $C$  to a point directly above  $P$ ; i. e., when

$$u^2 + k^2w = 2ga\sqrt{2} \cdot [1 - \cos(\frac{1}{4}\pi - \beta)];$$

$$\therefore v^2 = \frac{1}{3}6\sqrt{2} \cdot ag[1 - \cos(\frac{1}{4}\pi - \beta)].$$

## SOLUTIONS OF PROBLEMS IN NUMBER FOUR.

SOLUTIONS of problems in No. 4 have been received as follows:

From R. J. Adcock, 358; Prof. W. P. Casey, 355, 356, 358; George Eastwood, 356, 358; Prof. Asaph Hall, 358; Prof. E. B. Seitz, 355, 358; R. S. Woodward, 358. We also received a solution of 353, of No. 3, from the proposer, Mr. Hoover, and a solution of 352 from Mr. Heaton.

355. "The length of a garden, in the form of a parallelogram, is one rod greater than the breadth. Within the garden is a fountain; and a gravel walk extends diagonally across the garden, from corner to corner, and the distance from the fountain to one end of said walk is three rods, and to the other end four rods; and from this end of the walk along one end of the garden, to the next corner, and from thence to the fountain, is eight rods. Required the area of the garden."

SOLUTION BY PROF. E. B. SEITZ, KIRKSVILLE, MO.

Let  $ABCD$  be the rectangular garden,  $AC$  the diagonal walk, and  $F$  the fountain.

Let  $BC = x$ ,  $AB = x+1$ ,  $FA = 3$  rods,  $FC = 4$  rods. Then since  $CB + BF = 8$  rods,  $BF = 8 - x$ ;

$$\cos ABF = \frac{(x+1)^2 + (8-x)^2 - 3^2}{2(x+1)(8-x)} = \frac{x^2 - 7x + 28}{(x+1)(8-x)},$$

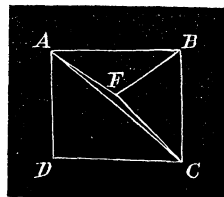
$$\cos CBF = \frac{x^2 + (8-x)^2 - 4^2}{2x(8-x)} = \frac{x^2 - 8x + 24}{x(8-x)}.$$

But  $\cos ABF = \sin CBF$ , whence we find  $\cos^2 ABF + \cos^2 CBF = 1$ .

By substitution and reduction we find

$$x^6 - 14x^5 + 153x^4 - 680x^3 + 640x^2 + 768x + 576 = 0.$$

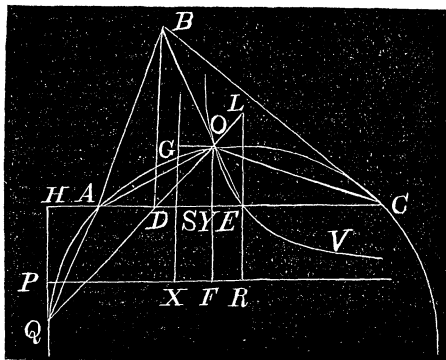
This equation has two positive roots,  $x = 3$ , and  $x = 4.4236748$ . For the first value of  $x$  the sides of the garden would be 3 and 4 rods, and the fountain would be situated at  $D$ , the corner of the garden. For the second value of  $x$  the fountain is situated as represented in the diagram, and the area of the garden  $= x(x+1) = 23.99257$  square rods.



356. "In a triangle  $ABC$ ,  $BD$  is perpendicular to the base  $AC$ , and  $O$  is the center of gravity of the triangle. Join  $AO$ ,  $DO$  and  $CO$ . Given the base  $AC$  and the angles  $AOD$ ,  $AOC$  to construct the triangle  $ABC$ ."

SOLUTION BY PROF. W. P. CASEY, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

*Analysis.* Look upon the line  $AC$  as being given in position, therefore the points  $A$ ,  $C$  are given, and as the angle  $AOC$  is given, therefore the circle  $QAOC$  is given. Produce  $OD$  to  $Q$ , and as the angle  $AOQ$  is given, therefore the line  $AQ$  is given, and, as  $A$  is a given point, therefore  $Q$  is a given point. Draw  $BO$  and produce it to  $E$  and  $E$  is a given point, then draw  $EL$  perpendicular to  $AC$  meeting  $QO$  produced in  $L$ ; and,  $BO$  being equal to  $2OE$ ,  $\therefore DO = 2OL$ . The perpendicular  $QH$  to  $CA$  produced is in position, and  $\therefore QH$  is a given line. And as  $DL : LO$  so make  $HE : ES$ ;  $\therefore ES$  is a given line and  $S$  a given point; and as  $LD : DO$  so make  $QH : HP$ ;  $\therefore HP$  is a given line and  $P$  a given point; through  $P$ ,  $O$  and  $S$ , draw  $PR$ ,  $OG$  parallel to  $AC$ , and  $OF$ ,  $GH$  par'l to  $BD$ .





$$Q = -\frac{\beta\gamma d \log a + \gamma a d \log b + a\beta d \log c}{a\beta + a\gamma + \beta\gamma}.$$

Therefore by (3)

$$dA = \frac{\beta(d \log a - d \log c) + \gamma(d \log a - d \log b)}{a\beta + a\gamma + \beta\gamma},$$

$$dB = \frac{\gamma(d \log b - d \log a) + a(d \log b - d \log c)}{a\beta + a\gamma + \beta\gamma},$$

$$dC = \frac{a(d \log c - d \log b) + \beta(d \log c - d \log a)}{a\beta + a\gamma + \beta\gamma}.$$

SOLUTION BY PROF. ASAPH HALL, NAVAL OBSERVATORY, WASH., D. C.

Projecting the sides  $b$  and  $c$  of a plane triangle on the side  $a$  we have

$$a = b \cos C + c \cos B;$$

and in a similar manner we find two more equations of this kind. Differentiating these, considering all the parts variable and noticing the condition

$$A + B + C = \pi = \text{constant},$$

we have the three symmetrical differential equations of a plane triangle,

$$da = \cos C.db + \cos B.dc + c \sin B.dA,$$

$$db = \cos A.dc + \cos C.da + a \sin C.dB,$$

$$dc = \cos B.da + \cos A.db + b \sin A.dC.$$

The quantities  $\cos C.db$  and  $\cos B.dc$  are the increments of the sides  $b$  and  $c$  projected on the side  $a$ ; and the sum of these applied to  $da$  gives the total increment of the side  $a$ . Also  $c \sin B$  is the perpendicular from the angle  $A$  on the opposite side, and the total increment of  $a$  divided by  $c \sin B$  gives  $dA$ . For seconds of arc we must multiply this ratio by 206264.8, the number of seconds in radius. Since

$$da = \frac{a.da}{a} = a.d \log a,$$

we may use the differentials themselves or  $d \log a$ , &c. One should notice the similarity of these differential equations to those of spherical trigonometry.

SOLUTION OF PART (2), PROB. 344, BY PROF. SEITZ (SEE P. 101).—Let  $P$  be the third random point, and  $EF$  the random chord, through it.

Draw the radius  $OL$  perpendicular to  $EF$ . Let  $p_0, p_1, p_2, p_3$  be the respective probabilities that  $AB, CD, EF$  will intersect in 0, 1, 2, 3 points.

Let  $EP = z$ ,  $EF = z'$ ,  $\angle EOL = \phi$ , and  $\angle KOL = \rho$ . Then  $z' = 2r \times \sin \phi$ ; an element of the circle at  $P$  is  $r \sin \phi d\phi dz$ , and for an elemental change in the direction of  $EF$  we have  $d\rho$ .